



PERFORMANCE TRACK BACKGROUND

The National Environmental Performance Track (Performance Track) was designed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to recognize and encourage top environmental performers — those companies that voluntarily go beyond compliance with regulatory requirements to attain levels of environmental performance that benefit the environment, people, and communities.

Performance Track is intended for top performing facilities of all types, sizes, and complexity — public or private, manufacturing or service-oriented. All must have proven records of regulatory compliance, an operational Environmental Management System (EMS), and a demonstrated commitment to continued improvement and outreach to the community and the public. These companies set the pace by demonstrating successful ways to increase protection of public health and the environment.

Benefits of Performance Track membership include low priority for routine inspections, national recognition and participation in recognition events and peer exchanges, use of the Performance Track logo, listing on EPA Web sites, articles, case studies and interactions with senior EPA officials. EPA is proposing a regulation that will extend hazardous waste accumulation time to 180 days for Performance Track facilities, and administrative flexibility in record keeping and reporting requirements under MACT and CWA. Working with states, EPA will offer Performance Track facilities state-specific administrative and regulatory benefits through four recently signed PT-State MOAs with TX, CO, VA, and MA. To date, nearly 280 facilities have been accepted as Performance Track members.



FAST FACTS

The following data were gathered to describe the makeup of the Performance Track Members and to show how they have made significant commitments over the next three years to environmental protection in their communities. For additional information, please refer to the Performance Track Web site at www.epa.gov/performance-track/.

- More than half (51 percent) of all National Environmental Performance Members have 100 – 1,000 employees. Nineteen percent have fewer than 100 employees, and 28 percent have more than 1,000. Members are located throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico.
- All of the major industries are represented (73 percent manufacturing; 27 percent non-manufacturing). Chemical product manufacturing, instrument manufacturing, electronic equipment manufacturing, and machinery and computer equipment manufacturing make up 47 percent of the industries represented.
- 65% of member facilities are ISO 14000 certified
- Performance Track Members have made a total of 195 commitments to reduce total solid waste by 255 million lbs. This is equal to the average waste generated annually by nearly 140,000 people.
- Performance Track Members have made a total of 115 commitments to reduce total energy use by 6,700,000 MMBTu. This is equal to the average annual energy use of approximately 64,000 households.
- Performance Track Members have made a total of 40 commitments to reduce the emissions of VOCs by 98,000 lbs. This is equal to the emissions generated from traveling nearly 38 million miles in an average passenger car, and equivalent to the annual driving mileage of 3,150 individuals.
- Performance Track Members have made a total of 11 commitments to preserve 4,600 acres of wetlands, lakes, native prairie and forest. This is equal to 5.5 times the size of Central Park or 4,180 football fields.

- Performance Track Members have committed to lower greenhouse gas emissions by 26 million pounds.



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK NETWORK KEY FACTS

Membership organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and government agencies are invited to participate as partners in EPA's National Environmental Performance Track Network. This partnership ensures that all top environmental performers receive information about the program and are given the opportunity to apply.

Organizations that participate in the Network commit to supporting the principles of Performance Track, informing potential applicants about the program, and encouraging top environmental performers to apply.

In exchange, EPA recognizes partners by acknowledging their efforts in publications and at events. Current members of the Network include:

American Chemistry Council
American Textile Manufacturers Institute
Cement Kiln Recycling Coalition
Global Environment & Technology Foundation
Public Entity EMS Resource (PEER) Center
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Paint and Coatings Association
National Pollution Prevention Roundtable
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association
NORA, an Association of Responsible Recyclers
North American Die Casting Association
Screenprinting & Graphic Imaging Association International
Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA)

Organizations interested in becoming a Partner are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation. For more information, please contact Julie Spyres at (202) 566-2885 or spyres.julie@epa.gov.

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